



IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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- 1. IPL'S Marshalltown facility air permit application withdrawn**
- 2. Deadline for DNR, IDALS grants to help local water quality efforts is April 1**

IPL'S MARSHALLTOWN FACILITY AIR PERMIT APPLICATION WITHDRAWN

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MARSHALLTOWN —Due to a combination of factors, Alliant Energy/Interstate Power and Light decided to cancel construction plans for its Sutherland Generating Station Unit 4 coal-fired power plant project in Marshalltown. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has ended the comment period for the project's air permit application and public hearings are cancelled.

Documents for this project will continue to be available on the DNR Web site at <http://aq48.dnraq.state.ia.us:8080/airpermit/eecomment.jsp> for a few more days, and then they will be moved to <http://aq48.dnraq.state.ia.us:8080/airpermit/eeepsd.jsp>.

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**DEADLINE FOR DNR, IDALS GRANTS TO HELP LOCAL WATER
QUALITY EFFORTS IS APRIL 1**

NOTE TO EDITORS: The following is a joint news release from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

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DES MOINES — The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship - Division of Soil Conservation (DSC) (IDALS) are reminding water quality groups across the state of the April 1 deadline for grant applications.

In a joint application process, Iowa Soil and Water Conservation Districts can apply for funding from DNR Section 319, and/or the Water Protection Fund (WPF) and the Watershed Protection Fund (WSPF) from IDALS-DSC. Other groups and organizations are invited to apply for Section 319 funding through the DNR.

The DNR and DSC regional Basin Coordinators will work with groups that receive Section 319 grants to complete a Watershed Management Plan, or WMP. These comprehensive plans are designed to help groups meet water quality goals by identifying problems and offering solutions.

The DNR is able to provide these grants annually through funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The IDALS-DSC is able to provide grants annually through funding from the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) program and the state's Environment First Fund.

Groups considering applying for a grant can contact Steve Hopkins, DNR watershed improvement coordinator, at (515) 281-6402 with questions and for one-on-one assistance regarding Section 319 grants. Those with questions about WPF or WSPF funding can contact Jim Gillespie, IDALS Field Services Bureau Chief, at (515) 281-7043.

More information on grants and watershed improvement is available on the DNR's Web site at <http://watershed.iowadnr.gov> or the IDALS-DSC Web site at www.iowaagriculture.gov/soilConservation.asp.